

COMMENT FORM
Public Scoping Meetings

We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal Environmental Impact Statement process and return your completed form today or mail by July 25, 2009. Your comments help in the planning and implementation of the project. **Thank you.**

Completing this form will automatically add you to our mailing list. If you prefer to not be on the mailing list, please check the box below.

☐ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend? Farmington tap & Zumbro tap

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need
☐ Visual / Aesthetic resources
☒ Proximity to residences
☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
☐ Historic and cultural sites
☐ Radio or television interference
☐ Noise
☒ Health and safety
☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

With the added number of
wind farms and alternate
sources of energy - I do not
believe we need these High
Voltage transmission lines
Crossing over Country side
Now or ever.! LSH

Hampton • Rochester • La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project

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Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

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If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

☒ Agriculture

☒ Residential

☐ Conservation Easement

☐ Commercial

☐ Industrial

☒ Other: tree farm

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

tree farm
Minnesota
Wabasha County
Zumbro Twp.
T109 R014 S15
Farm # 1298
tract # 690

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-293-002 | This area is very sensitive
I-293-003 | in respect to land use —
I-293-004 | wildlife - plant and trees
as well as erosion of soil

I-293-005 | The installation of this power line
I-293-006 | not only raises havoc with the
ecological aesthetics of this land
it is disruptive and destructive
to the natural beauty of this land.
LSH

I-293-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to land use will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-293-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife and vegetation will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-293-004

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to geology and soil resources caused by the transmission lines will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-293-005

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-293-006

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife, vegetation, and the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

The need for this project was explained very well. However, what was not explained was the fact that the City of Rochester needs this power source. So why do we have to supply the Route - Hwy #52 travels between the twin cities and Rochester why do you think you need to divert the transmission line through our property around Rochester???

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Please tell us how to reach you.

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Public participation for the Federal, Minnesota, and Wisconsin permitting processes will be ongoing for the Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project. If you sign up for the mailing list, you will be notified when opportunities to participate are being planned.

Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

I-293-007

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.